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WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT AMBASSADOR BUSH HAS EXTENDED PERSONAL INVITATION TO SMITHSONIAN PERSONALITIES S. DILLON RIPLEY AND WIFE AND JOHN PAUL AUSTIN (MEMBER OF SMITHSONIAN BOARD OF REGENTS AND ALSO CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COCA COLA) AND WIFE TO BE HIS HOUSE GUESTS IN MARCH.

PRCLO HAS INFORMED SMITHSONIAN IT CANNOT EVEN ISSUE VISA APPLICATION FORMS UNTIL USLO HAS NOTIFIED MFA OF INVITATION. RIPLEY MUST SUBMIT APPLICATION IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DEPARTURE JANUARY 28 FOR INDIA WHENCE HE WILL GO TO PEKING, SO SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF MFA. AUSTIN APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SMITHSONIAN AT SAME TIME AS RIPLEYS. RIPLEY IS WRITING AMBASSADOR BUSH SEPARATELY REGARDING TRAVEL PLANS. KISSINGER

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